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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: J. Scott Buchanan et al.  
Serial No: 09/887,642  
Filed: June 22, 2001  
For: INTEGRATED PROCESS FOR PREPARING DIALKYL  
CARBONATES WITH A CIRCULATING CATALYST  
Examiner: Laura Lynne Stockton  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for extension of time for a total period of one month, expiring on March 5, 2003, is enclosed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 14-54 without prejudice. Claims 14-54 are cancelled for being directed to non-elected inventions.